

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE TO PORTS BY TSUNAMI
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether heavy damage has been caused to the ports of Country struck by Tsunami in the Indian Ocean on December 26, 2004;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated a scheme for reconstruction of these ports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In the Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands, 56 berthing structures suffered damages during Tsunami which occurred on 26th December, 2004. Till now, 49 berthing structures have been made functional. Balance works in these structures as also works on restoring the remaining berthing structures are in progress. The Major Ports of Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Tuticorin and the Office of National Institute of Port Management (renamed National Maritime Academy at Chennai) also reported certain damages to their structures. Damages to Ports/Jetties in the States of Kerala, Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu under the jurisdiction of respective State Governments were also reported.

(c) & (d): A Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP) has been formulated for inter-alia reconstruction of ports and jetties. In so far as works in Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands are concerned, under TRP in December, 2005, an amount of Rs.897.31 crores had been approved by the Government of India for rehabilitation/reconstruction and upgradation of port structures as well as creation of additional facilities. Besides, an amount of Rs.31.02 crores had been approved for repair/reconstruction in other organizations under the Department of Shipping namely major ports at Chennai, Tuticorin, Visakhapatnam, Minor Ports Survey Organisation (MPSO) and National Institute of Port Management (renamed National Maritime Academy). In so far as ports and jetties under the jurisdiction of State Governments are concerned, amounts of Rs.74.70 crores for Tamil Nadu, Rs. 44.02 crores for Kerala and Rs.75.00 crores for Puducherry had been approved under the TRP.